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My dear Dr. Kempner:

I have your letter of 8 July, offering to assist in providing information on the details of the procedures of coding and decoding as they were used by the former German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its intelligence division.

I believe information of this type may be of considerable use in intelligence studies. In view of the War Department's primary interest in information emanating from a theater of operations, I have referred your letter to the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, asking that he communicate with you on the subject.

Your interest and cooperation are very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. H. Hillenkoetter*

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, WDGS:

Subject: Offer of Information from Deputy Chief of Counsel  
for War Crimes, Nurnberg, Germany.

I am enclosing for your information and such action as you may consider appropriate a letter from Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, Deputy Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, Nurnberg, Germany. It is believed that this matter is of more direct interest to ID, WDGS, than to the Central Intelligence Group. A copy of my reply to Dr. Kempner, advising him that his offer is being transmitted to you as a matter of primary interest to the War Department, is enclosed.

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Admiral:

In connection with the case against former officials of the Germany Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of which I am in charge, I came across hundreds of their addresses and among them are a number who did coding and decoding work. While we are only interested in the contents of these messages, your office might be interested in the technical side and in the details of the procedures of coding and decoding as they were used by the Foreign Ministry and its Intelligence Division.

As far as I can judge from the letters written by Foreign Ministry officials to us, there are approximately one or two dozen code clerks who gave their addresses -- some in the American and others in the British and French Zones of occupation.

If you should be interested in the matter of coding and decoding as it was handled in the former German Foreign Office please advise us if we can be of any service.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert M. W. Kempner

Robert M. W. Kempner  
Deputy Chief of Counsel